



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: May 18, 2023
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Board of Education Meetings on May 11, 2023**

The Virginia Board of Education (Board) convened for a [special meeting](#) and an [emergency meeting](#) last week on May 11.

At the [special meeting](#), the Board heard an item related to the Virginia Literacy Act Core Instructional Program Guide, which is an important step in our Commonwealth's initiative to improve early literacy outcomes for young learners through scientifically based reading research and evidence-based instruction and intervention. This item will return to the Board for final review at its regular meeting in June. Public comment on these instructional resources is welcome. The Board also approved Literary Fund Loans and grant award recommendations for the School Construction Assistance Program, two items rooted in recognition of the importance of investing in school infrastructure.

At the [emergency meeting](#), the Board unanimously voted to approve an emergency regulation to extend the expiration of 15,500 licenses that were set to expire on June 30, 2023. The emergency action will provide immediate relief so that licensing delays do not impact the delivery of instruction for the 2023–2024 school year.

For questions regarding meetings of the Board, please contact Jim Chapman, Director of the Office of Board Relations, at Jim.Chapman@doe.virginia.gov.

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